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AGENDA ITEM: Approve MHSA Funding for PEI: Make Available Statewide Training and Technical Assistance to Counties (\$6 million/year x 4 years)

ENCLOSURES:

- Proposed MHSOAC policy paper: "Mental Health Services Act Technical Assistance and Training Policy"
- CMHDA Letter to MHSOAC, dated June 20, 2008

OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEM: A PowerPoint will be presented at the meeting

Proposed Motion(s):

- 1. *Make \$6 million per year for four years available to interested counties for the purpose of funding strategies to provide training, technical assistance and capacity building for community partners, enabling counties and their community partners to collaborate in the development of county PEI Plans***

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- Addresses immediate need in counties related to partnering with community partners to complete and implement PEI plans
- Allows funds to be distributed immediately at the time when they are most needed
- Avoids creating categorical funding, which would pose additional administrative burdens on the counties
- Consistent with MHSOAC policy regarding working closely with community partners (see WIC Section 5856(c))

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- Inconsistent with the original intent of the MHSOAC's PEI principles, that funds be administered at the State level
- No way to require that counties engage in specific capacity-building activities
- Some commissioners expressed interest in establishing a statewide MHSA training and technical assistance center

- 2. *The Strategic Planning and Organizational Committee¹ will review the "Mental Health Services Act Technical Assistance and Training Policy" paper developed by Commissioners Pating and Poaster. The committee will bring forth recommendations regarding this paper to the MHSOAC.***

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- Allows for further discussion and development of a long-term initiative for statewide technical assistance and training activities to implement the MHSA
- Positions the MHSOAC to provide statewide leadership in this area
- Consistent with the move towards the Integrated Plan

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¹ Please see Tab 6 of this packet. The Strategic Planning and Organizational Development Committee is proposed to be eliminated.

INFORMATION

TAB SECTION: 2

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ISSUE:

After discussion and receiving public comment at the June 2008 meeting, the MHSOAC deferred making a decision until the July 2008 meeting to approve funding for PEI statewide technical assistance, training, and capacity building activities in order to allow the Commission further thinking about a policy statement for overall Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) technical assistance and training activities. Although policy for such statewide activities for prevention and early intervention (PEI) was adopted by the MHSOAC and approved for funding in January of 2006, the framework for these activities across all MHSA components was not addressed.

Enclosed is the CMHDA letter that was included in the June 2008 meeting packet. This letter describes their position on PEI statewide training, technical assistance, and capacity building funds. It also describes the CMHDA's commitment that training and technical assistance activities be coordinated by a state-level entity and proposes that an advisory committee, on which the MHSOAC would participate, be established to collaborate on these efforts